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SUB: SMC STATEMENT ON TRIPLE VETO

1. SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL ISSUED A STATEMENT OCT 21 ON TRIPLE VETO  
UN RESOLUTION DEALING WITH SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA. FOLLOWING  
IS STATEMENT AS REPORTED ON FRONT PAGES OF GOVERNMENT OWNED  
GHANAIAN TIMES AND DAILY GRAPHIC OCT 22:

"THEGHANA GOVERNMENT WISHES TO MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR TO  
THOSE COUNTRIES RESPONSIBLE FOR VETOING THE RESOLUTION  
YESTERDAY AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL THAT IT CONSIDERS THIS AN  
ABUSE OF VETO POWERS AND AN UNFRIENDLY ACT NOT ONLY AGAINST  
THE PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA BUT ALSO AGAINST ALL THOSE WHO STAND  
FOR LEGALITY, FREEDOM AND EQUALITY IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS."

" IT IS AN ACT WHICH CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS CONCERTED  
EFFORT TO BUY TIME FOR THE SO-CALLED CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS  
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INITIATED BY THE VORSTER REGIME WITH PUPPET TRIBAL CHIEFS

OF NAMIBIA TO THE EXCLUSION OF SWAPO WITH A VIEW TO PRESERVING SOUTH AFRICA'S IMPERIALIST STRANGLEHOLD OVER NAMIBIA.

"THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PARTICULAR PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE LEAVES GHANA NO CHOICE, ESPECIALLY AS THEY HAVE BEEN RECENTLY PERSISTENT IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PERSUADE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ACCEPT A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN DOMINATION, BUT TO QUESTION THE WISDOM AND EFFICACY OF THE METHODS PROPOSED BY THEM FOR THE PROSECUTION OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY'S COMBAT AGAINST APARTHEID, COLONIALISM AND ALL OTHER FORMS OF INJUSTICE.

"GHANA DEFINITELY REJECTS ANY STRATEGY THAT IS AIMED AT BENEFITING RACIST AND IMPERIALIST INTERESTS BY LENDING SUPPORT IN NAMIBIA TO ILLEGALITY AGAINST THE OVERWHELMING VERDICT OF WORLD OPINION.

" IN SPITE OF THE FAILURE OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION AT THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE GHANA GOVERNMENT RENEWS ITS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO ASSIST SWAPO AND THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA, BOTH MORALLY AND MATERIALLY, IN THEIR JUST STRUGGLE AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN DOMINATION."

2. COMMENT: THIS MILD AND PRO FORMA CONDEMNATION OF THE TRIPLE VETO COMES ON THE HEELS OF A VISIT TO GHANA BY SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA.  
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